

## **2014 Community Medical Center & NJCEED Partnership**

Cervical cancer is highly preventable in most Western countries because [screening tests](#) and a [vaccine](#) to prevent human papillomavirus (HPV) infections are available. When cervical cancer is found early, it is highly treatable and associated with long survival and good quality of life.

Throughout 2014, Community Medical Center continued to strengthen the New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection Screening Program (NJCEED). Given the increase in the number of New Jersey residents that lack health insurance and the flat funding for NJCEED over the past few years, the program has been running short in appropriated state funding. Uninsured and underinsured New Jersey residents have nowhere to turn for potentially life-saving breast, cervical, colon and prostate cancer screenings other than this important program.

In 2014, 246 pelvic exams were performed, 226 pap smears, 8 colposcopies and 0 cervical cancers were diagnosed through the Ocean County NJCEED program.